community level by providing a mid-wifery kit to the female paramedical workers, payment of enhanced reporting fee of Rs. 10.00 per case to the Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) and making available disposable delivery kits to the pregnant women, to be used by the attendant during delivery to ensure clean delivery;

(iv) Primary Health Centres in 90 identified districts with poor demographic profile will be strengthened by providing extra facilities which will include provision of a properly equipped labour room; and

(v) Promotion of exclusive breast feeding and also colostrum to neonates.

Conversion of Vicks into Ayurvedic products

3391. DR. FAGUNI RAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vicks range of products were converted into Ayurvedic products without changing the composition with the approval of his Ministry;

(b) on what basis this change was allowed;

(c) what are the criteria for training Allopathic products as Ayurvedic;

(d) whether this has enable the producer to charge more prices from the consumers; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that in the past prices of Vicks range of products were being fixed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) Licencing for the manufacture of Ayurvedic drugs is under the purview of State Drug Licencing Authorities. Vicks Vaporub & Vicks Inhaler were permitted to be manufactured as Ayurvedic drugs by changing the formulas and names of their ingredients according to ayurveda as early as in 1985 by Licencing Authorities of Indian Systems of Medicine, Andhra Pradesh. However, in a reference made to this Ministry by F.D.A. Maharashtra in 1988, it was advised not to permit conversion of the existing allopathic drug licences into ayurvedic drugs in the same brand name.

(d) and (e) Vicks formula 44 cough syrup and Vicks formula 44 cough discs were under price control in the recent past.

Scientists to probe link between Vaccine-AIDS

3392. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Times of India dated the 8th April, 1992 under the caption "Scientists to probe link between vaccine-AIDS";

(b) whether Government propose to review the entire bio-technology programme including Vaccine Action Plan and other similar projects in hand;

(c) whether Government also propose to appoint a high powered task force of non-official scientists to look into the matter independently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Deptt. of Biotechnology is already keeping a close watch on the developments in relation to products,

involving genetic recombination. As such no review is contemplated.

(c) and (d) Since the entire question of linking polio vaccine and HIV appears to be hypothetical, there is no question, as at present, to appoint any Task Force of Scientists in India to look into the matter independently.

Selling of serum unit at Kasauli to private sector

3393. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to sell serum unit at Kasauli to private sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

3394. *[Transferred to 22nd December, 1992]*

Compulsory Family Welfare Scheme

3395. SHRI K.R. JAYADEVAPPA:
SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to formulate a compulsory family planning scheme on the lines of the Family Planning Scheme being implemented in China to restrict per family child birth irrespective of religion; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic Systems of Medicines

3396. SHRI K.R. JAYADEVAPPA:
SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Homoepathic and Ayurvedic systems of medicines for a large number of diseases have been acknowledged in advanced countries like USA; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give financial support and research facilities for Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic system of medicines to make them popular in the country and abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is an increased awareness about the efficacy of Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic medicines in curing certain diseases in India and abroad. Adequate financial support and research facilities are being provided by the Government of India, Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic systems of medicines.

Central Grants Released for Development of Ophtholmology

3397. SHRI K.R. JAYADEVAPPA:
SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a centrally sponsored scheme for development of ophtholmology; and

(b) if so, the amount of Central grants released to the Minto Regional Institute of ophtholmology, Bangalore, Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND